

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) 42-35 and 42-72-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Children, Youth and Families proposes to adopt the following DCYF rule:

COURT DISPOSITION

This new rule, in compliance with the federal court order relating to RI Training School residents and the accreditation standards of the American Correctional Association for Juvenile Training Schools and Juvenile Detention Facilities, provides that staff ensure an accurate flow of information and communication with state and federal courts.

In the development of this rule, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

This proposed rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>) and the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or available in hard copy upon request (401 528-3685). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by April 5, 2010 Susan Bowler, Administrator for Families and Children, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903 (Susan.Bowler@dcyf.ri.gov).

In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Court Disposition

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families
Division of Juvenile Correctional Services: RI Training School

Policy: 1200.0014

Effective Date:

Version: 1

The Division of Juvenile Corrections ensures an accurate flow of information and communication with state and federal courts in matters relating to the RI Training School.

Related Procedure

Court Disposition

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Procedure from Policy 1200.0014: Court Disposition

- A. The Office of Court Services composes a Court schedule every two weeks that includes scheduled hearings, court location and the assigned unit of each resident scheduled for Court.
- B. The schedule is available to all staff.
- C. The supervisor ensures that appropriate staff are made aware of the scheduled hearings in order to prepare informational court letters.
- D. It may be necessary for unit staff to provide direct testimony at a court hearing or to cover a court hearing in the absence of the Court Services staff. These court appearances are approved by the Superintendent or designee.
- E. The Office of Court Services communicates and clarifies Division goals, objectives, procedures, recommendations and requests relative to programming for residents.
- F. After the Court hearing, the Court Disposition Form is completed and forwarded to all appropriate offices and individuals. The Court Disposition Form includes the date, the name of the resident, Family Court number, Clinical Social Worker, Unit Manager, name of judge, court location, parties present in Court, the next court date, end of sentence date and the Court disposition/orders.
- G. The Office of Court Services communicates judicial decisions, recommendations and orders to RITS staff to ensure reciprocal information exchange regarding residents.